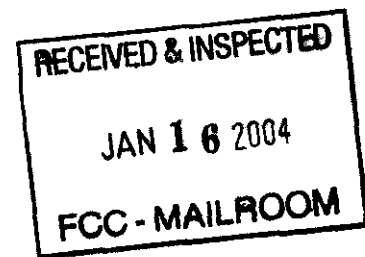




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December 31, 2003

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Ms. Marlene H Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W., TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

RE: *Ex Parte* Notice

In the Matter of  
Federal State Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Consistent with commission rules, this communication is submitted to be filed in the above referenced docket. On December 30, 2003 I met with Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service member Nan Thompson. The primary focus of the discussion was on the above referenced docket. We specifically discussed standards for ETC designations, primary line restrictions, comparable standards and high quality standards, equal access, and cost basis reporting.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Berberich, CEO  
Matanuska Telephone Association

cc: *Federal-State Joint Board Members:* Abernathy (Chair), Adelstein, Dunleavy,  
Gregg, Jaber, Martin, Rowe and Thompson

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